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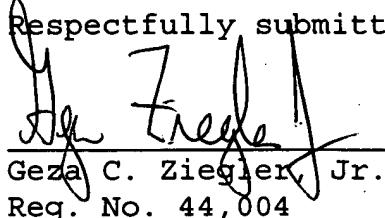
1. Claims 1, 6 and 9 are amended. A change of correspondence address has also be submitted.
2. Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 10-18 and the allowability of claims 4-6 and 9.

Claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended accordingly and should now be in a condition for allowance. Claims 2-8 should also be allowable by reason of their respective dependencies.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$200 is enclosed for one additional independent claim fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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